

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No: 10/676,433  
Applicant(s): Sandeep P. Gopisetty et al.  
Filing Date: 09/30/2003  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTONOMICALLY ZONING  
STORAGE AREA NETWORKS BASED ON POLICY  
REQUIREMENTS  
TC/A.U.: 2154 Confirmation No.: 3426  
Examiner: Keefer, Michael E. Docket Number: ARC920030047US1

Mailed: January 25, 2008  
at Newark, CA

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF  
IMPROPER REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir,

This filing is submitted in reply to the Response to the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination mailed November 19, 2007.

**Remarks**

A careful review of the file appears to indicate a transaction history as follows. The Applicant filed a response to a final rejection (mailing date July 30, 2007) on September 17, 2007. An advisory action was mailed by the USPTO on October 2, 2007 advising the Applicant that an RCE was required. The Applicant filed the RCE as required by the Advisory action on October 29, 2007 along with the required government fee. A Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination mailed November 19, 2007. The Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination does not set forth with particularity how the deficiency may be cured. However, a review of the file indicates that the filing appeared to be complete except that no Extension fees were paid. Calls have been placed with the USPTO to confirm this conclusion, but those calls have not been returned.

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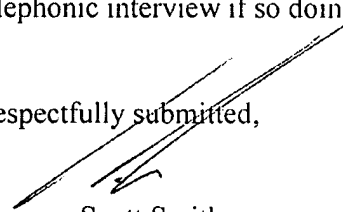
According to our calculations, the six month deadline for response is January 30, 2008, six months from the mailing date of the July 30, 2007 final rejection. Therefore, in response to the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination the Applicant encloses herewith:

- (1) payment for 3 months extension fees,
- (2) a copy of the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination,
- (3) a photocopy of the previously filed Office Action Response which was filed on September 17, 2007 (note, the Examiner has stated that the amendments contained in this response have been entered), and
- (4) a photocopy of the RCE documents previously filed on October 29, 2007 (the government fee has already been paid).

The Applicant believes that the submission of these materials cures the deficiencies found in earlier filings.

Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's representative as listed below for a telephonic interview if so doing would expedite the prosecution of the application.


Respectfully submitted,

  
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Date: January 25, 2008

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